

Federal Government Continues Response to Hurricane Harvey:

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WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and its federal partners continue to mobilize personnel and resources to support state, local and tribal efforts throughout Texas and Louisiana. More than **21,000** federal staff are deployed in support of Tropical Storm Harvey response.

While rescue efforts continue in many areas, recovery efforts are beginning for many communities. As of August 31, 2017:

- More than 33,800 people sought refuge in more than 240 Red Cross and partner shelters in Texas. Six shelters are also open in Louisiana serving another 450 people.
- Many areas are inaccessible. Federal, state and local search and rescue teams continue to reach those in stranded areas.
- U.S. Coast Guard and the Texas National Guard are transporting supplies and volunteers where they are needed most.
- Approximately **53,000** pounds of medical equipment and supplies have been deployed to affected areas

The top priority remains protecting lives and the safety of those in affected areas. The following commodities have been provided by FEMA to the states of Texas and Louisiana for distribution by local communities.

- Texas
 - More than **1,900,000** meals;
 - More than **1,960,000** million liters of water;
 - More than **4,700** blankets; and
 - More than **1,400** cots
- Louisiana:
 - More than **416,000** meals;
 - More than **414,000** liters of water

A Federal Disaster Recovery Coordinator (FDRC) is being appointed to help with long-term planning and recovery. The FDRC oversees an assessment of impacted communities and helps to develop a recovery support strategy. That strategy helps these hard-hit communities gain easier access to federal funding, bridge gaps in assistance, and establish goals for recovery that are measurable, achievable and affordable.

FEMA has received more than **364,000 registrations** for assistance, the largest registration after any single event. More than **103,000** of your neighbors have already been approved for **\$66.4 million** in assistance with FEMA and we want to help you.

The [FEMA mobile app](#) (in English and Spanish) provides disaster recovery tips and residents and business owners are able to register for assistance through [the FEMA mobile app](#) or www.disasterassistance.gov.



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